

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of deleting an audio file employing an apparatus having a function of reproducing the audio file to be output as audio, comprising:
  - reproducing and outputting the audio file selected as a deletion object to allow an operator to confirm whether or not a deletion object is correct, before performing an operation of deleting the audio file from a recording medium in which the audio file is recorded.
  
2. An audio file deletion apparatus, comprising:
  - a reproduction processing device which reproduces an audio file from a recording medium in which the audio file is recorded;
  - an audio output device which outputs the audio reproduced by the reproduction processing device audibly;
  - an instruction input device which inputs an instruction of deleting the audio file;
  - a file deletion device which deletes the audio file from the recording medium; and
  - a control device,

wherein the control device controls to reproduce and output the audio file of deletion object via the reproduction processing device and the audio output device upon an instruction from the instruction input device, accepting an instruction of whether or not the deletion of the audio file is permitted, and enabling the file deletion device to delete the audio file when an instruction of deletion is accepted, or stopping an operation of deleting the audio file when the instruction of deletion is not accepted.
  
3. A program for enabling a computer to perform:
  - a reproduction processing function of reproducing an audio file from a recording medium in which the audio file is recorded;
  - an audio output function of outputting the audio reproduced by the reproduction processing function audibly;
  - an instruction input function of inputting an instruction of deleting the audio file;
  - a file deletion function of deleting the audio file from the recording medium; and
  - a control function of controlling to reproduce and output the audio file of deletion object via the reproduction processing function and the audio output function upon an

instruction from the instruction input function, accepting an instruction of whether or not the deletion of the audio file is permitted, and enabling the file deletion function to delete the audio file when an instruction of deletion is accepted, or stopping an operation of deleting the audio file when the instruction of deletion is not accepted.

4. A camera with audio reproduction function, comprising:
  - an image pick-up device which converts an optical image into an electrical signal;
  - an image-capturing instructing device which instructs the start of taking a picture with the image pick-up device;
  - a signal processing device which processes the electrical signal obtained by the image pick-up device to convert it into the image data;
  - a recording device which records the image data obtained by the signal processing device on a recording medium;
  - a reproduction processing device which reproduces an audio file recorded on the recording medium;
  - an audio output device which outputs the audio reproduced by the reproduction processing device audibly;
  - a device which detects an empty capacity of the recording medium;
  - a device which grasps an estimated recording data amount of image acquired by an image-capturing operation using the image pick-up device;
  - an instruction input device which instructs whether the deletion of audio file is permitted or not; and
  - a control device which controls to extract the audio file as a deletion object from the recording medium, when the empty capacity is less than the estimated recording data amount, performing deletion by the file deletion device under the condition that the deletion of the extracted audio file is permitted, keeping a recording area of the recording medium, and performing an operation of recording the captured image on the recording medium.

5. The camera with audio reproduction function according to claim 4, wherein the control device controls to enable the image-capturing operation even when the empty capacity is less than the estimated recording data amount, allowing the operator to choose a deletable audio file and delete the audio file, and performing a recording operation of image data.

6. The camera with audio reproduction function according to claim 4, wherein the control device controls to reproduce and output the audio file extracted as the deletion object via the reproduction processing device and the audio output device, and then accept an instruction of whether or not the deletion of audio file is permitted.

7. The camera with audio reproduction function according to claim 6, wherein the control device controls to enable the image-capturing operation even when the empty capacity is less than the estimated recording data amount, allowing the operator to choose the deletable audio file and delete the audio file, and performing a recording operation of image data.

8. The camera with audio reproduction function according to claim 4, wherein the control device controls to permit the image-capturing operation even when the empty capacity is less than the estimated recording data amount, deleting the audio file of deletion object in accordance with a preset deletion order to keep a recording area, and performing a recording operation of image data.